

EXHIBIT A

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC

In Liquidation

DECEMBER 11, 2008¹

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S DETERMINATION OF CLAIM

November 20, 2009

Jeffrey Shankman (IRA)
300 East 56th Street
Apartment 20F
New York, New York 10022

Dear Jeffrey Shankman (IRA):

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY.

The liquidation of the business of BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC ("BLMIS") is being conducted by Irving H. Picard, Trustee under the Securities Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. § 78aaa et seq. ("SIPA"), pursuant to an order entered on December 15, 2008 by the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

The Trustee has made the following determination regarding your claim on BLMIS Account No. 1S0277 designated as Claim Number 002908:

Your claim for a credit balance of \$2,639,274.24 and for securities is **DENIED**. No securities were ever purchased for your account.

Your claim is **ALLOWED** for \$295,492.75, which was the balance in your BLMIS Account on the Filing Date based on the amount of money you deposited with BLMIS for the purchase of securities, less subsequent withdrawals, as outlined in Table 1 attached hereto.

As reflected in Table 1, certain of the transfers into or out of your account have been adjusted. As part of the Trustee's analysis of accounts, the Trustee has assessed accounts based on a money in/money out analysis (i.e., has the investor deposited more or less than he or she withdrew

¹ Section 78lll(7)(B) of SIPA states that the filing date is "the date on which an application for a protective decree is filed under 78eee(a)(3)," except where the debtor is the subject of a proceeding pending before a United States court "in which a receiver, trustee, or liquidator for such debtor has been appointed and such proceeding was commenced before the date on which such application was filed, the term 'filing date' means the date on which such proceeding was commenced." Section 78lll(7)(B). Thus, even though the Application for a protective decree was filed on December 15, 2008, the Filing Date in this action is on December 11, 2008.

from BLMIS). This analysis allows the Trustee to determine which part of an account's balance is originally invested principal and which part is fictitious gains that were fabricated by BLMIS. A customer's allowed claim is based on the amount of principal in the customer's account.

Whenever a customer requested a transfer from one account to another, the Trustee analyzed whether the transferor account had principal in the account at the time of the transfer. The available principal in the account was transferred to and credited in the transferee account. Thus, the reason that the adjusted amount of transferred deposits or withdrawals in Table 1 is less than the purported transfer amount is that the transferor account did not have sufficient principal available to effectuate the full transfer. The difference between the purported transfer amount and the adjusted transfer amount is the amount of fictitious gain that was transferred to or from your account. Under the money in/money out analysis, the Trustee does not give credit for fictitious gains in setting your allowed claim.

Your **ALLOWED CLAIM** of \$295,492.75 will be satisfied in the following manner:

The enclosed **ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE** must be executed, notarized and returned in the envelope provided herewith. You also should provide the name of the custodian for your IRA. Upon receipt of the executed and notarized **ASSIGNMENT AND RELEASE**, and designation of your IRA custodian the Trustee will fully satisfy your **ALLOWED CLAIM** by sending you a check in the amount of \$295,492.75, with the funds being advanced by Securities Investor Protection Corporation pursuant to section 78fff-3(a)(1) of SIPA.

Should a final and unappealable court order determine that the Trustee is incorrect in his interpretation of "net equity" and its corresponding application to the determination of customer claims, the Trustee will be bound by that order and will apply it retroactively to all previously determined customer claims in accordance with the Court's order. Nothing in this Notice of Trustee's Determination of Claim shall be construed as a waiver of any rights or claims held by you in having your customer claim re-determined in accordance with any such Court order.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: If you disagree with this determination and desire a hearing before Bankruptcy Judge Burton R. Lifland, you **MUST** file your written opposition, setting forth the grounds for your disagreement, referencing Bankruptcy Case No. 08-1789 (BRL) and attaching copies of any documents in support of your position, with the United States Bankruptcy Court **and** the Trustee within **THIRTY DAYS** after November 20, 2009, the date on which the Trustee mailed this notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: If you do not properly and timely file a written opposition, the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim will be deemed confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

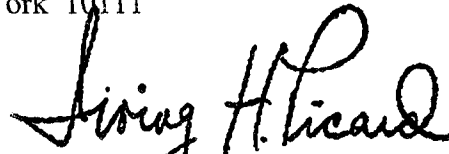
PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: If you properly and timely file a written opposition, a hearing date for this controversy will be obtained by the Trustee and you will be notified of that hearing date. Your failure to appear personally or through counsel at such hearing will result in the Trustee's determination with respect to your claim being confirmed by the Court and binding on you.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE: You must mail your opposition, if any, in accordance with the above procedure, to each of the following addresses:

Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for
the Southern District of New York
One Bowling Green
New York, New York 10004

and

Irving H. Picard, Trustee
c/o Baker & Hostetler LLP
45 Rockefeller Plaza
New York, New York 10111

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Irving H. Picard", written over a horizontal line.

Irving H. Picard
Trustee for the Liquidation of the Business of
Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC

cc: NTC & Co.
FBO Jeffrey Shankman (IRA)
P.O. Box 173859
Denver, Colorado 80217

DEPOSITS			
DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	ADJUSTED AMOUNT
5/23/1997	TRANS FROM 1S006110	\$545,577.97	\$196,925.01
3/7/2001	ROLLOVER CHECK	\$70,574.68	\$70,574.68
4/5/2001	CHECK ROLLOVER	\$27,993.06	\$27,993.06
Total Deposits:		\$644,145.71	\$295,492.75
WITHDRAWALS			
DATE	TRANSACTION DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	ADJUSTED AMOUNT
11/17/2003	CHECK	(\$20,000.00)	(\$20,000.00)
12/31/2003	CANCEL C&S 11/17/03	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Total Withdrawals:		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total deposits less withdrawals:		\$644,145.71	\$295,492.75